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SUBJECT : VISIT OF APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

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1. BISHOP GIOVANNI MARIANI, APOSTOLIC NONCE AT DAKAR AND APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TO GUINEA ARRIVED IN CONAKRY ON SEPT 6 AND PLANS TO STAY UNTIL THE 11TH. IN A CONVERSATION ON SEPT 9 THE BISHOP SAID HIS VISIT HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL THANKS PARTICULARLY TO THE ASSISTANCE HIS MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM LIBERIAN PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND FROM AMBASSADOR TODMAN. AS REPORTED REFTEL BISHOP MARIANI MET WITH PRESIDENT TOURE LAST WEEK, A MEETING THAT TOURE PUBLICLY DESCRIBED AS IMPORTANT AND THE BISHOP PRIVATELY SAID COVERED A RANGE OF SUBJECTS AND WENT VERY WELL. THE PRESIDENT GAVE THE BISHOP A LETTER FROM GUINEAN ARCHBISHOP TCHIDIMBO AND AGREED TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF TCHIDIMBO'S CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT THAT IS HONORABLE FOR BOTH SIDES.

2. THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATION WHO SEEMS TO BE A NATURALLY EFFERVESCENT AND OPTOMISTIC MAN, SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS VISIT AND WOULD BE BACK IN NOVEMBER. BISHOP MARIANI CLAIMED PRESIDENT TOURE HAD TOLD HIM THAT GUINEA HAS ITS TROUBLES WITH THE COMMUNISTS. AS A RESULT OF HIS MEETING AND DINNER WITH TOURE, THE BISHOP SAID HE WAS

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CONVINCED THE PRESIDENT, DESPITE HIS RANTING AGAINST FRANCE
AND THE FRG, WANTS BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE NON-COMMUNIST
WORLD.
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